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Mexico Announces the TRQ for Milk Powder Imports from WTO Member Countries

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Report Highlights:

On December 23, 2003, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced it will allow 80,000 metric tons of Milk Powder to be imported from Most Favored Nation (MFN), under the World Trade Organization (WTO) commitment for 2004.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes two official announcements published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on October 8, 2002.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced in the "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) the TRQ for milk powder under its WTO commitment. This announcement recognizes that domestic milk powder production is insufficient to meet the needs of domestic milk powder processors. This TRQ is in effect until December 31, 2004.

H.S. Number and Product	MFN TRQ for 2004
0402.10.01 Milk in powder or tablets, containing not over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat. Without sugars or sweeteners	
0402.21.01 Milk in powder or tablets, containing over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat. Without sugars or sweeteners	
Total TRQ's	80,000 MT

The mechanism through which the TRQ will be allocated is:

Direct allocation to authorized companies who use milk powder in their production processes. The applications for the request of allocation of the cupos (import permits) must be submitted in form SE-03-011-1 at the General Directorate of Foreign Trade of SE.

Once the quantity to be imported is allocated under the TRQ, SE will issue the cupos to the authorized companies. The permit must be used to import the milk powder or must be returned to the issuing office within 15 days following the expiration date of its validity period.

FAS/Mexico Note: This is NOT an invitation for bids to purchase selected dairy products. Rather, it is an auction of the right to import the listed product duty free. Thus, the auction is limited to Mexican companies within the dairy industry who use dairy products in their production process. Mexican importers who are granted the *cupos* will likely be looking to import products shortly after the auction is announced, if not earlier.

Important Dates

- 1. Publication Date:** December 23, 2003
- 2. Implementation Date:** December 23, 2003
- 3. Validity Period:** Upto December 31, 2004

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